

Minutes of the continuation of the 134th Annual Meeting of the Barrington Municipal Council held in the Conference Room, in the Administrative Centre, in Barrington, N.S., on Tuesday, July 23, 2013.

The meeting was called to order by the Warden at 6:55 p.m.

ROLL CALL

The Clerk reported that all councillors representing all districts of the Municipality were present:

- Warden Lindsay (Eddie) Nickerson
- Deputy Warden Donna LeBlanc-Messenger
- Councillor Jody Crook
- Councillor George El-Jakl
- Councillor Shaun Hatfield

- Brian Holland, Municipal Clerk
- Lesa Rossetti, Deputy Clerk

DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

There were no matters arising from the minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

There was no correspondence to be dealt with.

NEW BUSINESS

Municipal Parking Lot

The Municipal Clerk informed members that information has been received from Aberdeen Paving Ltd. regarding the paving of the parking lot at McGray Avenue. The estimate provided by Aberdeen Paving Limited was \$56,400.00, plus HST.

After much discussion it was agreed that no action be taken on this matter at the present time, and that paving of the McGray Avenue parking lot be on next year's list of capital projects.

Gas Tax Program

The Municipal Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from Canada/Nova Scotia Infrastructure Secretariat advising the current Gas Tax Program spending deadline of March 31, 2014, and the possible one year extension to March 31, 2015 has been revised. Any unspent funding from the current Gas Tax Fund can be carried forward to future years. This means that as of April 1, 2014 any unspent funding that a municipality has, either from their 2013/2014 allocation, funds that remains in reserves, or interest earned, will not be subject to the March 31, 2014 spending deadline. The correspondence further advised that negotiations continue with Infrastructure Canada on the renewed program details. Further details on the program will be provided at a later date.

It was noted at this time that there will be \$37,000.00 remaining in the Gas Tax Fund.

Estimate of Revenues and Expenditures for 2013/14

The Clerk informed members that correspondence has been received from David Kendrick, Fire Services Coordinator, advising that the Fire Services Advisory Committee has approved the department budgets as presented, which included some adjustments to the Woods Harbour Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Department budget.

The Clerk informed members that a memo has been received from Shelly Blinkhorn regarding the sprinkler pipes at the Arena. Deterioration has taken place since the Arena opened and pinholes have started breaking through the piping in numerous locations. Initially, it was planned to only address the areas of concern. The estimated cost was \$10,000.00. Now it appears that the entire main supply on the bleacher side of the Arena will have to be replaced with galvanized piping. It is estimated that this will cost an additional \$10,000.00, resulting in a total project cost of \$20,000.00. It was noted that \$10,000.00 has already been provided in the 2013/14 municipal budget. It was agreed by members that an additional \$10,000.00 be taken from the Special Reserve Fund Operating to cover the cost of replacing the pipes.

A summary of revenues and expenditures for the year 2013/2014 was circulated to members.

Sewer Service Charge

Resolution C130722

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by S. Hatfield that the sewer service charge of \$300.00 per unit for the Barrington/Barrington Passage Sewer System be set for 2013/2014 fiscal year and that notice in first reading be given tonight.

Motion carried unanimously.

Resolution C130723

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the sewer service charge of \$300.00 per unit for the Woods Harbour Sewer System remain unchanged for the 2013/2014 fiscal year.

Motion carried unanimously.

Setting of Fire Rates for 2013/2014

Resolution C130724

Moved by J. Crook and seconded by G. El-Jakl that the following area rates be set for 2013/2014 fiscal year:

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| - Woods Harbour/Shag Harbour Volunteer Fire Dept. | \$0.12/\$100.00 of assessment |
| - Barrington Volunteer Fire Department | \$0.05/\$100.00 of assessment |
| - Island & Barrington Passage Volunteer Fire Dept. | \$0.081/\$100.00 of assessment |
| - Port Clyde Volunteer Fire Department | \$0.05/\$100.00 of assessment |

Motion carried unanimously.

Farm Acreage Tax

Resolution C130725

Moved by G. El-Jakl and seconded by D. Messenger that the Farm Acreage Tax for the year 2013/2014 be \$2.87 per acre for all land that is assessed as exempt farm land.

Motion carried unanimously.

Setting Tax Rates, Due Dates and Interest for 2013/2014

Resolution C130726

Moved by S. Hatfield and seconded by D. Messenger that:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Council of the Municipality of the District of Barrington estimates that the sum required for lawful purposes of the Municipality of the District of Barrington for the year 2013/2014, after crediting the probable revenue from all sources other than the rates for the year, including properties whose tax or grant varies with the tax rate, making due allowance for the current year which may not be collected or collectible, as the sum of Five Million One Hundred Twenty-Eight Thousand Two Hundred Forty-Seven Dollars (\$5,128,247.00);

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipal Council hereby authorizes the levying and collecting of a rate for the current year of Two Dollars and Sixty-Three Cents (\$2.63) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) on the assessed value of the commercial property, and One Dollar and Six Cents (\$1.06) per One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) on the assessed value of the residential and resource property in the assessment rolls for the current year, and being the rate the Council deems sufficient to raise the sum required to defray current expenditures of the Municipality for the current year, and deficit from preceding years, but not include area rates, services charges or special assessments.

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that the total rates and taxes for the year 2013/2014 shall become due and payable as specified in Policy #56 "Interim Tax Billing Policy" and after that date rates and taxes may be collected by warrant and;

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED that an additional charge of interest at the rate of Eighteen Percent (18%) per annum be charged on all total current rates, area rates and special assessments not paid before due dates specified in Policy #56 "Interim Tax Billing Policy".

Motion carried unanimously.

Temporary Borrowing Resolution

WHEREAS the combined total of the taxes levied by the Municipality and the amounts in lieu of municipal rates received or to be received by the Municipality from Her Majesty in Right of Canada, or in Right of the Province of Nova Scotia, or from an agency of Her Majesty, from the previous year ended the 31st day of March, 2013, was \$5,905,118.00.

And the aggregate amount of the taxes to be levied for the current year will exceed \$5,128,247.00.

And it may be necessary to borrow the sum of \$1,500,000 from Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce to defray the current expenditure of the Municipality which was authorized by Council on the 23rd Day of July 2013, until such time as the taxes levied can be collected.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED by the Municipal Council of the Municipality of the District of Barrington (hereinafter called the "Corporation").

1st That the Warden with the Clerk-Treasurer of the said Corporation be and they are hereby authorized under the Seal of the said Corporation, to borrow from Canadian Imperial Bank of Commerce the sum of \$1,500,000 as the same may be required from time to time for the purpose of defraying the annual current expenditure of the Corporation.

2nd That the said Warden with the Clerk-Treasurer aforesaid, be, and they are hereby authorized to pay or allow to the said Bank, interest on the said sum of \$1,500,000 at the Bank Prime interest rate prevailing from time to time, which may be paid or allowed in advance by way of discount or otherwise howsoever as they may deem best.

3rd That the promissory note or notes of the said Corporation, sealed with the Corporate Seal and signed by the Warden and Clerk-Treasurer of the said Corporation, be given from time to time as required, in security of the amounts borrowed from time to time under the provisions of the Resolution.

4th That the said sum of \$1,500,000 so to be borrowed shall be payable on or before the 31st day of March next, and the Promissory Note or Notes of the said Corporation given therefore, which shall be signed by the Warden and the Clerk-Treasurer and be under the Seal of the Corporation, and if made payable before the said 31st day of March 2014, may be renewed by the said Warden and Clerk-Treasurer from time to time, but no renewal thereof shall fall due later than the said 31st day of March next.

5th That the giving of such notes or renewal notes, as aforesaid, shall not be deemed satisfaction to the said Bank of the said advance or interest, but as evidence only of indebtedness.

Motion carried unanimously.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned by mutual consent of members at 7:43 p.m.

Warden

Clerk

Secretary for the Meeting

On website July 24, 2013.